

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
9th February - Fourth Sunday before Lent**



Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community and for local businesses and community groups.
Please pray for schools in our parish.

For our Church:

Please pray for victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.
Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Jane
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards
Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

For the world:

Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: Please pray for Paul Checkland (Leslie Worrall's cousin), Anna Kydd (daughter of Revd Gaynor), Dawn McKenna (sister of Revd Gaynor), Archdeacon Jane, Jane Fellowes (Dot Turners daughter), June Bibby, Mike Jones, Beryl Goodall, Betty Michael (Liz Whitehead's mother), Brenda Wilson, Isabelle Vickers and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For wedding couple: Lewis Tierney and Laura Gois(27th Feb)

For the bereaved: Family and Friends of Linda Sheldon (Funeral Mon 10th Feb), Family and Friends of Judith Hodgson (Service of Thanksgiving - 2.00pm Friday 28th Feb 2025 at Christchurch Port Sunlight)

Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 9th February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chads

Sun 16th February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

Sun 23rd February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion with Junior Church at St Chads

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Old Testament Reading: Is 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

An Evening with Bishop Mark St Mary's Upton Sunday 9th February.

Many of you will have concerns or questions about what we are seeing happening in the Church of England nationally and at the highest level. Bishop Mark is coming to answer questions on recent matters.

The evening will start with a glass of wine or fruit juice at 6.30pm, at 7pm with interview in Church with pre-submitted questions answered, and then Bishop Mark will preach for the second part.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years, every Church of England parish is required to create a new electoral roll, and this year (2025) is the year in which that happens. **Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 2nd March 2025.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

LIVING HOPE



Lent Groups

11.30am-12.30pm

St Chad's Main Hall

OR

7.30-9.00pm

St Chad's Extension

Please let Revd Jane know if you would like to join one of these groups and she will give you the booklet that we will be using. The booklet offers daily Bible Readings, pictures, short reflections, prayers and practical ideas to help you grow in hope and faith during Lent.

Wed 5th March - Start of Lent:
What is hope?

Exploring what hope means in the context of the Christian faith.

Wed 12th March - Week 1: Imperfect
Exploring how we hold on to hope in lives that are messy and a world that is imperfect.

Wed 19th March - Week 2: Together
Exploring the ways joining with others allows us to find hope ourselves and offer hope to those who need it.

Wed 26th March - Week 3: Trusting
Exploring what it means to trust in the hope God promises, even when we feel uncertain about the future.

Wed 2nd April - Week 4: Noticing
Exploring how we can deepen our hope by noticing signs of what God is doing.

Wed 9th April - Week 5: Courage
Exploring how being rooted in hope can give us courage to face difficulties and seek change.

Wed 16th April - Holy Week: Transformed
Exploring how God can transform even the most broken situations.

A warm welcome at the Warm Hub

Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
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Guest speaker
on 4th Tuesday of the month
Talks start at 10.30a.m.

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Helen Parkinson
"Nursing in a War Zone"

*(Helen is also a bee keeper and will be selling
honey and bee products)*



The Warm Hub
belongs to a
growing national
network of
Places of Welcome



This QR code can be used with mobile phones to make donations to Church using a debit or credit card.

It is becoming increasingly important that

- we reduce the amount of cash and cheques that we handle
- and increase the number of donations made through PGS, standing orders, or using electronic payment devices, etc.

The reason being that the PCC is being charged to bank cash and cheques over a certain limit each month, and we have reached that limit a few times in the last year.

Thank you for taking time to prayerfully consider your donations to church and for all financial support that is received. Your donations enable us to work towards our vision of serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby.

Donations of Flowers for Church: You can make a donation "in memory of", "in celebration of" or just because! Please sign up at the back of church. You do not have to arrange the flowers - the flower team can do that for you.

Money for your donation (with your contact details and the date for your flowers) should be given to the parish office in a clearly marked envelope, or by BACS indicating that it is Flower Fund, followed by email to the office.



Please continue to collect and **RNIB** bring your used stamps to _____ Church.

See differently

RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath

WONDERFUL NEWS! TESCO IS SUPPORTING US.

If you shop in Tesco (Heswall, Pensby and a few others), please use the blue token to vote for us:-

Thurstaston PCC Warm Hub, Irby
vote for us lots of times! mid-January until the end of March.



Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the

SHOPPING LIST

- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)
- TINNED CUSTARD
- TINNED FRUIT
- JAM
- SHAMPOO
- FEMALE HYGIENE
- TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE
- DEODORANT



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247
Irby Pharmacy is a **safe space**

St Bartholomew and St Chad takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**